

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus for reading a document image to form an image corresponding thereto, comprising:

a photoelectric conversion unit which converts an optical image on a document into an electric image signal;

an image processing unit which processes the image signal outputted from the photoelectric conversion unit, and provides the image data;

an image forming unit which forms an image corresponding to the image data provided from the image processing unit onto a paper, the image forming unit including a fixing unit in which a toner image formed on a paper sheet is fixed on the paper;

a power source unit which supplies power to respective units including the photoelectric conversion unit, the image processing unit, and the image forming unit of the image forming apparatus;

a power supply control unit which ~~controls power supply from the power source unit to the photoelectric conversion unit~~ stops power supply to the photoelectric conversion unit and the fixing unit when the image forming apparatus is not used for a long time; and

an interface which establishes communications with an external device, the external device notifying the image reading apparatus of a power saving mode when the external device becomes in a power saving mode,

wherein the power supply control unit stops the power supply to the photoelectric conversion unit in accordance with the notification of the power saving mode received from the external device via the interface.

8.-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus for reading a document image to form an image corresponding thereto, comprising:

a CCD (Charge Coupled Device) which converts an optical image on a document into an electric image signal;

an image processing circuit which processes the image signal outputted from the CCD, and provides the image data;

a printer unit which forms an image corresponding to the image data provided from the image processing circuit onto a paper, the printer unit including a fixing unit in which a toner image formed on a paper sheet is fixed on the paper;

a power source unit which supplies power to respective units including the CCD, the image processing circuit, and the printer unit of the image forming apparatus;

~~a switch which switches power supply from the power source unit to the CCD;~~

a CPU (Central processing Unit) which ~~controls power supply from the power source unit to the CCD by using the switch~~ stops power supply to the CCD and the fixing unit when the image forming apparatus is not used for a long time; and

an interface which establishes communications with an external device,  
the external device notifying the image reading apparatus of a power saving mode  
when the external device becomes in a power saving mode,

wherein the ~~power supply control unit~~ CPU stops the power supply to a ~~photoelectric conversion unit~~ the CCD in accordance with the notification of the power saving mode received from the external device via the interface.